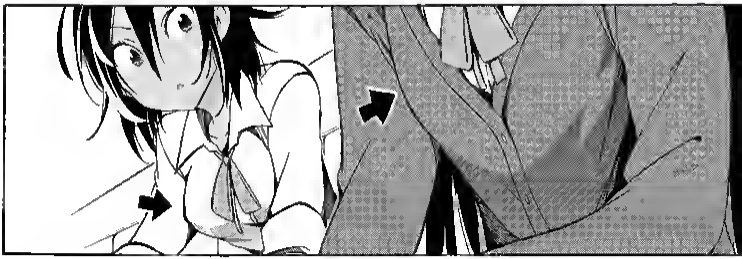

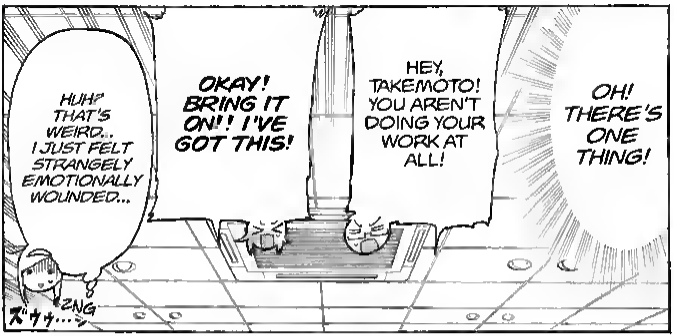
OH! THERE'S ONE THING!
HEY, TAKEMOTO! YOU AREN'T DOING YOUR WORK AT ALL!
OKAY! BRING IT ON!! I'VE GOT THIS!
HUH? THAT'S WEIRD... I JUST FELT STRANGELY EMOTIONALLY WOUNDED...
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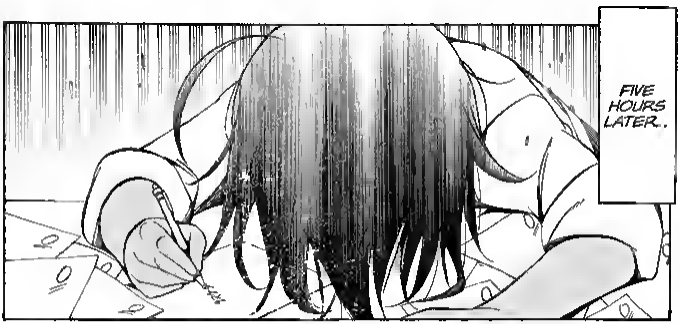
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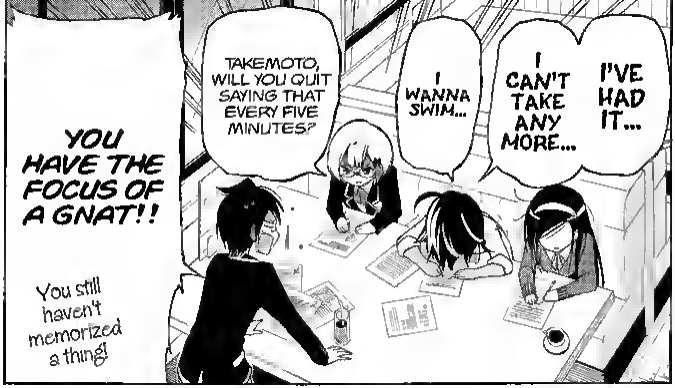
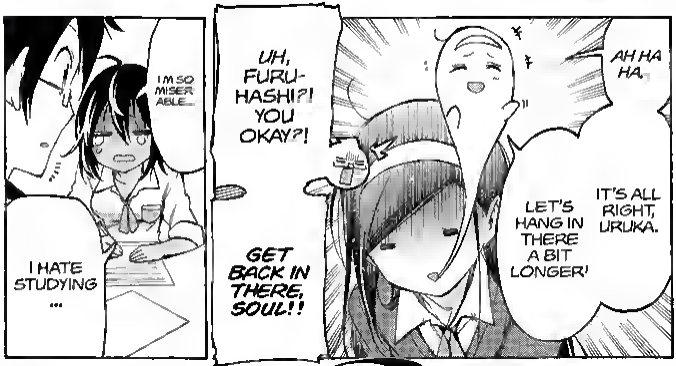
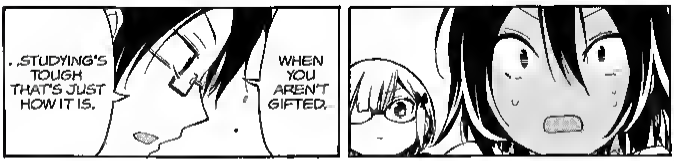
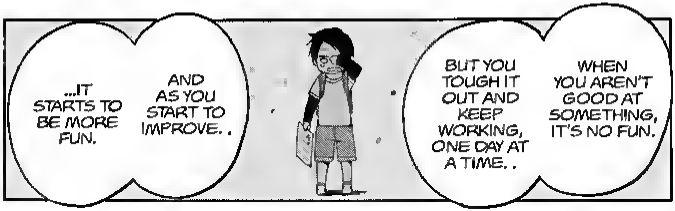

YOU HAVE THE FOCUS OF A GNAT!!
You still haven't memorized a thing!
TAKEMOTO, WILL YOU QUIT SAYING THAT EVERY FIVE MINUTES?
I WANNA SWIM...
I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE...
I'VE HAD IT...


I'M SO MISERABLE...
I HATE STUDYING ...
UH, FURUHASHI?! YOU OKAY?!
GET BACK IN THERE, SOUL!!
AH HA HA.
LET'S HANG IN THERE A BIT LONGER!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, URUKA.

MAYBE FOR STARTERS ...
YOU COULD TEACH ME HOW TO ENJOY LEARNING ENGLISH...
HEY...
I HAVE AN IDEA!

I GOT NOTHING.


. .STUDYING'S TOUGH THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS.
WHEN YOU AREN'T GIFTED.


...IT STARTS TO BE MORE FUN.
AND AS YOU START TO IMPROVE. .
BUT YOU TOUGH IT OUT AND KEEP WORKING, ONE DAY AT A TIME. .
WHEN YOU AREN'T GOOD AT SOMETHING, IT'S NO FUN.

...IT WASN'T FUN RIGHT AWAY, WAS IT?
WHEN YOU FIRST STARTED SWIMMING...

RATS!
NO...
IN THE BEGINNING, I WAS FUELED BY PURE FRUSTRATION. IT DROVE ME TO PRACTICE DAY AFTER DAY...
I ONLY STARTED TO ENJOY SWIMMING...
...WHEN MY TIMES BEGAN TO GET BETTER.

W-WAIT..
DO YOU REMEMBER ALL THAT?
HE NOTICED!
YOU'RE CREEPING ME OUT, NARIYUKI...
I'M SO GLAD!
BAM
BA-DMP BA-DMP
Well...
YOUR FOCUS IS INCREDIBLE WHEN IT COMES TO SWIMMING
I ALWAYS THOUGHT I SHOULD LEARN FROM YOU...
WAIT...
I'VE GOT IT!!
?

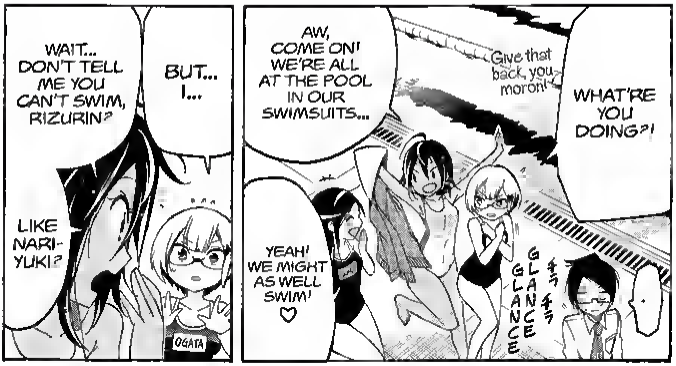
HERE WE GO, TAKE-MOTO!
DEGREE!
degree
SHOOSH

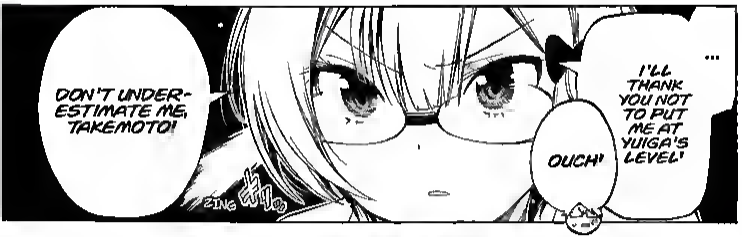
CORRECT!!
TEIDO!
TEIDO
FUKAKE-TSUNA!
FUKAKETSUNA
ESSENTIAL!
CLIMATE!
SCRIT SCRIT SCRIT
ESTI-MATE!
KIKOU!
MITSU-MORU!
KAIGAN!!
COAST!

WE DID IT!!
THANK YOU ALL!!
THAT'S SO! WE DID IT!!
KLUNK
カラン

YOU'RE SO SMART, YUIGA!
WE JUST NEEDED TO APPLY TAKEMOTO'S FOCUS IN THE WATER TO HER LEARNING PROCESS!
IT WORKED!

I HAVEN'T DONE MY OWN SCHOOL-WORK FOR DAYS...
WHY DO I HAFTA HELP WITH THIS?
GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE
THANK YOU, RIZURIN ♡
EEK!
FWISH
ばさっ


WAIT... DON'T TELL ME YOU CAN'T SWIM, RIZURIN?
BUT... I...
OGATA
LIKE NARI-YUKI?
AW, COME ON! WE'RE ALL AT THE POOL IN OUR SWIMSUITS...
YEAH! WE MIGHT AS WELL SWIM! ♡
Give that back, you moron!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
GLANCE GLANCE チラ チラ
...

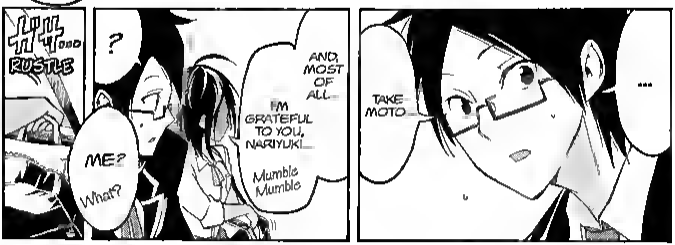

DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME, TAKEMOTO!
ZING
OUCH!
I'LL THANK YOU NOT TO PUT ME AT YUIGA'S LEVEL!
...

RIZURIN... YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE TO PRETEND YOU CAN DO EVERYTHING.
WE'RE TOTALLY AT THE SAME LEVEL!
バシャ バシャ SPLASHA SPLASHA
ガボガボ... BLUB BLUB BLUB
EEK! RICCHAAN !!
PANIC PANIC

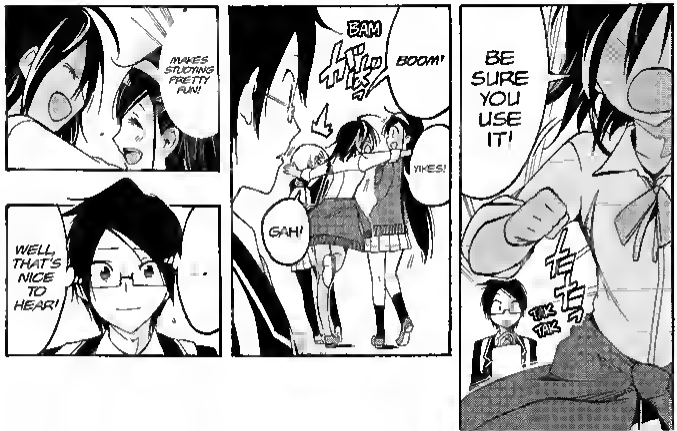
ALL RIGHT! I'M GONNA ACE MY TEST!
NOW I CAN SWIM TO MY HEART'S CONTENT! ♪
YOU'LL STILL NEED TO REVIEW THOSE WORDS TO MAKE SURE THEY STAY WITH YOU.
BE SURE YOU STUDY THEM AGAIN BEFORE THE TEST.
HEY, NARIYUKI!
I RECOMMEND PUTTING POST-IT NOTES ON YOUR DESK AND IN THE BATHROOM AND OTHER PLACES WHERE YOU SPEND TIME EVERY DAY.
OH, AND ALSO
...IS RIGHT BEFORE YOU GO TO BED THAT'S WHEN WE RETAIN THE MOST
"THE OPTIMAL TIME..."
Right right

REMEMBER WHEN YOU SAID...
...THAT IT'S NORMAL NOT TO ENJOY STUDYING?
?
YES...

WELL, I AGREE.
AND I STILL HATE STUDYING...
BUT EVEN THOUGH IT'S HARD...
HAVING FRIENDS LIKE...
..FUMI-NOCCHI AND RIZU-RIN..
.. TO COOPE-RATE WITH TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS...
...MAKES STUDYING PRETTY FUN.


...
TAKE-MOTO...
AND, MOST OF ALL... I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU, NARIYUKI... Mumble Mumble
?
ME?
What?
RUSTLE

HUH ...?
!
WHAP
NEVER MIND!
A THANK-YOU GIFT!
FOR TODAY...
AND FOR EVERY-THING YOU'VE DONE FOR ME!


MAKES STUDYING PRETTY FUN!
WELL, THAT'S NICE TO HEAR!
BAM
BOOM!
YIKES!
GAH!
BE SURE YOU USE IT!
TAK TAK

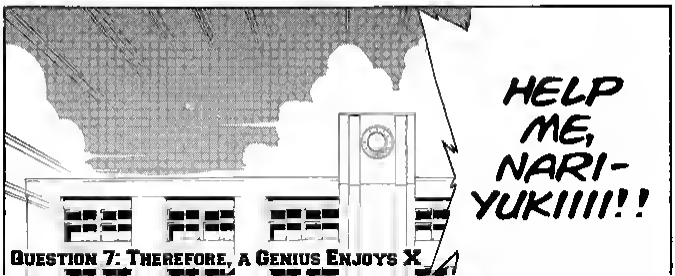
...ISN'T SO BAD AFTER ALL!
MAYBE BEING A TUTOR...

...AM I...
SUPPOSED TO DO WITH THIS?
GERRR
DRIP DRIP
WHAT EXACTLY.

UM.
TAKEMOTO?
GERR

URUKA'S HOUSE.
AIEEE!!
I GAVE NARIYUKI THE WRONG BAG!!
FLAIL FLAIL
WHAT TEENAGE GIRL GIVES THE GUY SHE LIKES A WET SWIMSUIT?!
SOME-ONE KILL ME!!
PENCIL CASE MEANT FOR MANYUMI
FLAIL FLAIL

IF YOU CAN'T PASS, THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE A SUPPLEMENTARY CLASS!
(And you can't go to practice!)

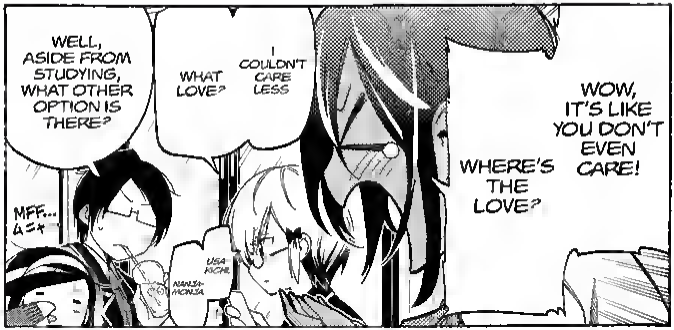


Question 7: Therefore, a Genius Enjoys X

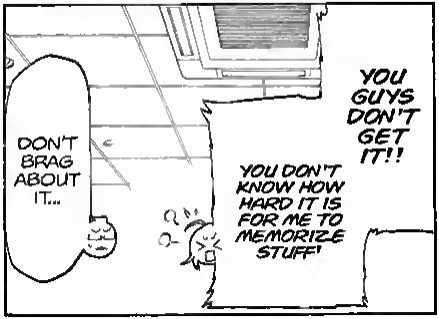
YOU HAVE TO LEARN 50 ENGLISH WORDS BY NEXT WEEK?!
WHAT?!

OTHERWISE, I CAN'T COMPETE FOR THE SWIM TEAM!
YES!!

UM...
STUDY?
FABIA
RABIA
RABIA
NANJA-MONJA
WAAAAH
WHAT'LL I DO?!


WELL, ASIDE FROM STUDYING, WHAT OTHER OPTION IS THERE?
WHAT LOVE?
I COULDN'T CARE LESS
WOW, IT'S LIKE YOU DON'T EVEN CARE!
WHERE'S THE LOVE?
MFF... ムニャ
USA KICHI
KAWAI-NONJA

WE HAVE THE WORD LIST, RIGHT?
WELL, LET'S SEE...
LET'S TAKE A PRACTICE TEST
SLAP!


DON'T BRAG ABOUT IT...
YOU GUYS DON'T GET IT!!
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW HARD IT IS FOR ME TO MEMORIZE STUFF!

Name
No.
Japan
universal
create
ceremony
climate
challenge
desire
stop
rain
crew
voyage
absence
keen

DEFENSE!
ディフェンス!
WHO, ME?
WHAT, AS IF YOU COULD DO ANY BETTER, RIZURIN!
DON'T GIVE UP ON ME, RIZURIN!
BAM
See ya!
WELL, I'M OFF.
TOO BAD ABOUT SWIM PRACTICE
SIXTY-EIGHT POINTS?!
I CAN PULL OFF PASSING SCORES IN ENGLISH,
AS FAR AS VOCAB GOES..
SUGH
BUT I... I TRUSTED YOU!!
YOU'RE ON MY SIDE, AREN'T YOU?
GASP!
I KNOW.. FUMI-NOCCHI!!

YOWZA!!
KAPOW!
100
GO EASY, FURUHASHI!
I MEAN, ANYONE CAN MEMORIZE, RIGHT?
I GET AVERAGE SCORES ON REGULAR ENGLISH TESTS
ACTUALLY I JUST HAPPEN TO BE GOOD AT VOCAB
Jibber Jabber
SPLUT
OKAY, TAKEMOTO...
MEMORIZING IS JUST ABOUT TIME AND EFFORT!
GOT THAT?!
SLURP
HOW MANY OF THOSE HAVE YOU HAD TO DRINK?
I know it's free refills and all...

WRITE THEM OVER AND OVER UNTIL YOUR HAND LEARNS THEM!
FORGET ABOUT ANTONYMS AND DERIVATIONS. LET'S START WITH EACH WORD AND ITS TRANSLATION!!
NOW SAY THE WORD AND ITS TRANS-LATION OVER AND OVER.
LET YOUR EARS LEARN THE SOUND!
CHECK THE PRONUN-CIATION SYMBOLS FOR THE CORRECT PRONUN-CIATION!
DISCO-VERY. HAK KEN.
DISCO-VERY. HAK KEN.
DISCO-VERY. HAK KEN.
HERE WE GO!
AND STOP MOPING!
FLEEN!

OKAY, URUKA! LET'S DO THIS!
SCOOT
WE'LL HELP TOO!
OKAY?
!
WE?!

WOW! LOOKING AT HER UP CLOSE LIKE THIS...
FUMINOCCHI IS JUST STUNNING!
THANK YOU, FUMI-NOCCHI!
OH... YEAH!
BA-DMP
BA-DMP
AND SHE'S SO SWEET YOU JUST WANT TO PROTECT HER. SHE EVEN SMELLS AMAZING...
SILKY HAIR, BEAUTIFUL SKIN, LONG EYELASHES...
PROBABLY SHE'S GOT ME BEAT AT BASICALLY EVERY-THING.
I WONDER IF SHE'S NARIYUKI'S TYPE.
SHE'S MY IDEA OF THE PERFECT GIRL!
HONESTLY